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IRREGULARITIES IN CONSUMERS'
GOODS ENTERPRISES CRITICIZED

PRIVATE STORE OWNERS ATTEMPT TAX EVASION -- Trybuna Ludu, No 217, 10 Aug 49

It has been noticed that during the summer many private stores were closed, allegedly to allow the owner a vacation. Actually, the object is to evade paying taxes for the period when the owner is "vacationing." In this way, the Treasury is deprived of substantial sums, while the store owner continues to sell "under the counter," through the back door, or at his home. Fifty percent of the stores are pursuing such tactics this summer. Severe control measures are demanded.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE PROSECUTES LAWBREAKERS -- Zycie Warszawy, No 217, 9 Aug 49

In less efficient action has been taken by the Special Committee against unscrupulous butchers selling meat "under the counter" and practicing illegal slaughter, shopkeepers who willfully raise their prices, speculators, unlicensed alcohol producers, and other economic delinquents. Convicted persons are frequently jailed in Milosza prison.

HANDLING OF PRODUCE CRITICIZED -- Zycie Warszawy, No 219, 11 Aug 49

Fruit and produce sold in government cooperatives is frequently spoiled by improper handling. Prices, however, are kept at the level fixed by the cooperative management for good-quality, fresh merchandise. In a letter to the editor, a Warsaw housewife complains about these conditions and demands greater operative flexibility in cooperative fruit and produce stores.

NUMBER OF COOPERATIVES GROWING -- Trybuna Ludu, No 218, 10 Aug 49

The Central Consumers' Cooperative in Rzeszow is running 48 stores and has approximately 7,000 members. The main store, located on Maja Street, has a yearly sales volume of 16 million zlotys and serves about 800 - 1,000 customers.

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daily. It has three main departments: food, clothing and household goods. Each carries a full assortment of merchandise. The food department carries a complete line of domestic items. The clothing department carries a complete line of domestic items. The household goods department carries a complete line of domestic items. The stores are well organized and clean, well-organized stores are especially noticeable.

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